

Senator Richard Schweiker
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Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Dick,

Thanks to you and the member of your staff kind enough to send me the Adams/
FBI 10/21/75 Statement before the Abzug subcommittee.

I'm too tired to stand and consult files and I do not remember exactly how I expressed my request. I worked until 1 a.m. because there was no choice and only recently I return from a forced walk because it is part of the therapy.

However, I did request this statement from the Abzug staff. I have asked several times for the return of files I loaned and still do not have. My friend and lawyer, Jim Lesar, was refused access to the transcript of the public session. For a man who was sick and getting farther behind in his own work daily I spent a considerable amount of time helping that subcommittee's staff prepare for the hearing. It asked Lesar to prepare a statement it did not then call on him to make. I began my efforts to be helpful when I could barely walk, continued it in the hospital, even taking a private room I cannot afford to be available for confidential conversations, resumed when I was discharged, and I'll just have to write off the files not returned to me, only copies. But for what I have standing is not good and it was worse then. So I couldn't make copies.

This explains why I asked you for the House statement, as without recollection I am sure I did.

I have no urgent personal need for this statement. It is not possible for me to resume writing now. By the time I can the hearings will be printed. However, I do want to try as best I can to be prepared to be of assistance to Members of either House if I am asked and if I feel it is helpful. I know both Houses were imposed upon and deceived by these FBI statements, including in the one I believe was to your committee, dealing with Hoover and King. (If a copy of that statement is not too much trouble I'd appreciate it. I have already started working on ~~what~~ what I believe accounts for the deception. Being able to study the precise wording might help me further in this. I am working with those outside the Congress and in an FOIA action.)

With the King story I'm surprised no member of the Committee's staff ~~didn't~~ ^{ed} check to see if it really happened. I put members of the press onto the fact that it did not. They confirmed it, as did others with access to the morgues of other papers.

Were it not for my limitations this would not be a top priority matter for me. With my limitations my progress in confirming my analysis of the reason for this ploy will take longer. If and when it checks out I will be anxious to make it available to anyone who may have the interest. And if one of the efforts I am making works out it will be published as soon as, if it is, it is established.

For whatever my opinion may be worth to you, I offer it. As I continue on my own course it is becoming more and more apparent to me that there is an unreported if detected internecine warfare between the executive agencies. Each is anxious to escape criticism. Each is willing to have others blamed, sometimes helping it happen. It can be quite complicated, perhaps invisible, to one who has spent less time in this than I have, who does not have the records I have and whose correspondence with the agencies is of a different nature. One consequence could be another whitewash.

If what I ask is a burden, I do apologize. For what you sent, my sincere thanks.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg